

Benin – Borgou Alibori

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Benin – Borgou Alibori GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Benin could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program. The Benin- Borgou Alibori GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 6ème, 5ème, 4ème, and 3ème, conducted in

2003. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Benin – Borgou Alibori. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 83.0%, and the overall response rate was 83.0%. A total of 2,220 students participated in the Benin - Borgou Alibori GYTS.

Prevalence

28.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 36.2%, Female = 9.9%)
 25.8% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 31.8%, Female = 12.0%)
 14.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 19.7%, Female = 2.9%)
 17.9% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 21.3%, Female = 10.1%)
 19.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

24.3% think boys and 20.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
 23.6% think boys and 19.7% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

23.4% usually smoke at home
 24.6% buy cigarettes in a store
 53.7% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

34.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 46.1% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 63.9% think smoking should be banned from public places
 48.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 21.8% have one or more parents who smoke
 8.8% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

85.6% want to stop smoking
 76.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 88.6% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

69.4% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 65.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 58.0% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 23.7% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 15.7% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

55.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 33.3% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 49.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 25% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 14% currently smoke cigarettes; 18% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS Exposure is high - one third of the students live in homes where others smoke and approximately half of the students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home. 1 out of 5 students has one or more parents who smoke.
- Approximately half of the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Two thirds of the student think that smoking should be banned in public places.
- Over 80% of the students who are currently smoking indicated that they want to stop smoking now; 75% of the students currently smoking tried to stop during the past year.
- Approximately 70% of the students saw anti-smoking messages while 65% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, and 58% of the students saw pro-cigarettes ads in newspapers & magazines.